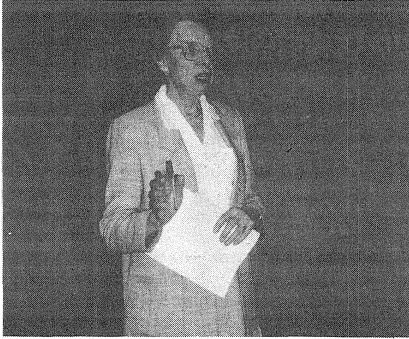


SWNA Pres. Feldman Looks Toward Future of S.W.



SWNA President Margaret Feldman

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) President Margaret Feldman recently addressed the tenant association at Channel Square, (325 P St., SW). The focus of her speech was on developing a greater sense of community which she indicated was one of her primary goals as president.

Feldman stated that "the more we can help each other, the more sense of community we will have." She explained the role of the SWNA and its auxiliaries (The Southwester, Youth Activities Task Force, Scholarship Committee, SW Festival of the Arts, and the newly formed Crime and Drug Task Force) and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) noting that the former is the forerunner. She felt that the SWNA's role was really citizens' power in developing and improving the quality of life in the community while the ANC was the official organization whose job is "to needle the city officials" in making them do their jobs. In addition, she told the audience about other programs available in the community such as the Literacy Program for adults held at the SW Library and the efforts of River Park in tutoring approximately 20-25 students from Bowen Elementary School.

ANC 2-D MEETING

The next meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D will be on Monday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street, S.W. All are welcome.



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Of special interest to the residents of Channel Square was the issue of housing. VP Deborah Dixon, who chaired the meeting, and other tenants expressed their concern about the likelihood of Channel Square becoming a mirror of many of the condominiums in the community. As a result, they sought President Feldman's assistance in "cutting through the bureaucracy" at HUD (which many of them had encountered) in trying to find answers about the status of Channel Square, as the lease would end shortly.

President Feldman accepted the challenge of contacting HUD regarding their concerns. She invited the group to the next SWNA meeting on housing, which several Channel Square tenants attended. Feldman subsequently contacted HUD and responded to the Executive Committee of the tenant association regarding their concerns.



Channel Square Tenants' Association.
Shown left to right: Deborah Dixon,
Esmerelda Matthews, Yvonne Carney.

Feldman was also asked to look into the new lease of the property formerly held by Miniature World Academy Nursery at 4th and P Sts. Residents again openly expressed their concerns about the future occupants of the building and the impact it would have on Channel Square residents. Feldman agreed to this task also and noted it was important that housing in Southwest become stable and affordable to prevent the next wave from washing out the community. She noted that Metro, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s possible move and Portal Development as being some of the developmental changes that would have major impacts on the future of the community.

SWNA Meeting, Thurs. Jan. 25 "How To Repair Your Credit"

Calvin McCants, President of the Non-Profit Management and Training Co., will tell the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's next meeting how to start a business and how to repair or enhance credit.

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By: Hattie Helena Small
(a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

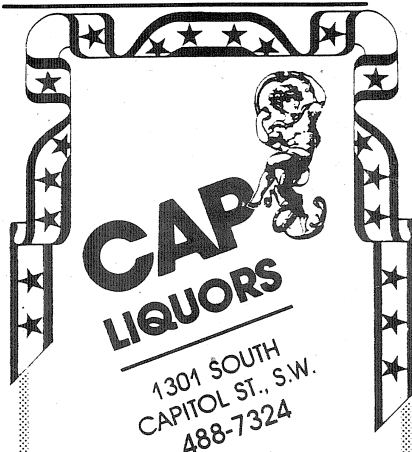
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Sandra Moon Jones, Southwest children's librarian, published an article on the Philadelphia library group in Negro History Bulletin, July-August 1978. She noted,

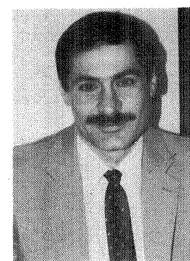
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Meeting Feb. 6

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Following the meeting, the PTA will be sponsoring a "Tom Thumb Wedding" with a community reception afterwards. Additional information on this fundraising event will be announced in the next Southwester.

Welcome additions to the PTA are faculty members Delphine Ferguson, 5/6 Grade Language Arts teacher, and Marilyn Moser, Librarian/Media Specialist, who will serve as teacher representatives on the PTA's Executive Board.

(PTA members Debra Leak and Thelma Jones contributed to this article.)

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Assembly Crime & Drug Task Force Meets On Action Plans

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Drug and Crime Task Force met January 11 at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 203 N St., S.W., to hear progress reports on its "Action Plan" adopted November 28.

Capt. Michael Pickett, First District police sector commander, gave an update on Chief Isaiah Fulwood's Community Empowered Policing program. He said the program "will help the city improve the quality of life for its citizens." The efforts described by Capt. Pickett will enhance neighborhoods and help citizens control their own destiny.

Task Force Action Plan recommendations discussed at the meeting included:

--(1) acquiring and rehabilitating an abandoned house, using the rehab work as training for neighborhood youngsters (coordinated by John Curran and Jann Buller).

--(2) working to assist the Friendship Baptist Church with its "drug education program" (coordinated by Calvin D. Jackson, a church member).

--(3) strengthening the Greenleaf Gardens tenant association to again play a major part in improving the Southwest quality of life (coordinated by Atkins Warren, Task Force chair).



Raymond T. Terry, DC State Health Planning Agency, speaks to C&D Task Force



From left: Edgar Mead, Jann Buller, Marian Tichnor, Dr. Karen Lewis, and Alberta E. White

--(4) Southwest Parade, planned for October 27 (coordinated by Edgar Mead). Participants will include local schools, churches, Police Boys' and Girls' Clubs, floats, Navy and Army bands, Marines, Coast Guard, and other activities to be coordinated with the Parade.

--(5) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center/Greenleaf activities (coordinated by Rev. Rosa Mitchell). Plans are for workshops, seminars, and training for Southwest youth which covers: sexual molestation; suicide prevention; teen pregnancy; information on sexually transmitted diseases; contacts with mentors; home visits; hygiene training; and self-esteem workshops.

--(6) Theater project at Arena Stage (coordinated by Sgt. Major Roque Garza, Mrs. Ivana Garza, and Ms. Annette Miller), involving Southwest youth in plays and musicals.

--(7) Children's Hospital jobs program (coordinated by Ms. Karen Tomlinson of the hospital) to find a wide range of jobs at the hospital, with job training.

These projects were reported to be moving forward towards various stages of implementation. One new recommendation for a Community Day was made by Lt. Douglas Avery, commander of the First District Community Services Division.

The Task Force will hold its next meeting at St. Augustine's Church located at 6th and M Sts. S.W., on February 15 at 7:30 p.m. All residents of Southwest and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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Any undergraduate student and graduate students in the first two years of master's or doctoral study may qualify. Winners will be recognized as scholars and invited to an all-expense paid trip to the ASALH annual meeting in Chicago, October 24-28, 1990. The theme for the 1990 essay contest is "The Father of Black History: Carter G. Woodson, a Living Legacy," which is the theme of Black History month.

To be eligible, entries must be addressed to ASALH Essay Contest, 1407 14th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005 and received not later than February 15, 1990.

The ASALH with the generous support of the Ford Foundation also announces the establishment of the Carter G. Woodson Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence. The scholar will devote half time to preparing and defining the annual theme for Black History month, and to giving direction to development of the Black History Month Kit.

The remainder of the scholar's time will be given to work on a project of importance for the study of Afro-American life, history and culture that makes use of the research facilities in the Washington, DC area. The position will become effective in the Fall of 1990. The Scholar will receive a stipend of at least \$40,000 for the academic year.

Applications and nominations for the position should be received at the ASALH office by February 15. Candidates must possess a doctoral degree in history or a related discipline in the humanities or social sciences and must have a significant record of publication in the field of Afro-American life, history, and culture. For additional information, please call Karen Robinson, Executive Director, ASALH at 667-2822.

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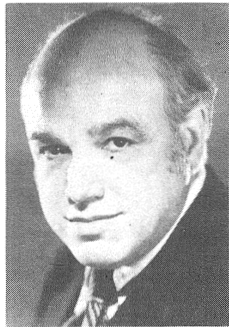
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The subject of the weekend will be "Myth, Tradition, and Doctrine in the Jewish Experience." At Shabbat services on Friday evening, February 2nd, Dr. Blank's talk will be: "Myth: We are One - A Case History." On Saturday evening, at 8:00 pm he will speak on: "Tradition: Why it isn't What Used to Be." Both of these sessions will be held at Temple Micah, 600 M St. S.W. and are open to the public free of charge.

On Sunday, Feb. 4, beginning with lunch at 11:00 am the Scholar-in-Residence series will be held at the Disabled American Veteran's Building, 807 Maine Ave., S.W. For the topic, Dr. Blank will speak on: "What the Reform Movement did in 1885 or which Maimonides Earlier was severely Criticized." There will be registration fee for this session.

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Decoration of festive containers for delivery of these items will be done by religious school participants as well as any parents and community neighbors who wish to attend.

Lorraine Adams of Southwest Community House will speak, and at 1:30 pm conduct a tour to the Southwest House, a few blocks away.

There will be music, and snacks and drinks. All are welcome to this free program.

St. Augustine's African Liturgy

The 11 am liturgy on Sun. Feb. 11 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. S.W., will celebrate the African heritage of Absalom Jones. Worshippers are invited to wear African dress. There will be African chants and an African liturgical dance.

When Richard Allen and Absalom Jones left St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia, they organized the Free African Society. Out of this society came two churches - The African Methodist Episcopal Church, with Richard Allen as its leader, and St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Absalom Jones was the first African to be ordained a priest in the newly formed American Episcopal Church.

St. Augustine's Square Dancing, Jan. 31

There will be square dancing (and a little electric slide as well) at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church 6th and M St. S.W., Wed. evening January 31.

The community is invited. A pot luck supper starts at 6:30 pm with square dancing starting at 7:15 pm.

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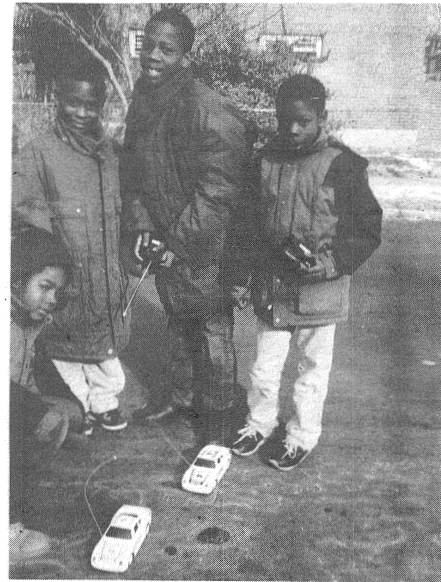
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The Black History Committee is actively planning the details of Southwest's own Sixth Annual Community-Wide Black History Program, which will be on Tuesday, February 13, at Jefferson Junior High School.

The program is sponsored by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Branch Library, Southeastern University, Jefferson Jr. High, and Amidon, Bowen, and Syphax elementary schools. Its purpose is to help Southwest to become a vibrant, stronger and more cohesive community by combining those forces that have the greatest impact on our youth.

The program's major objective, which is to help foster a continued awareness of Black achievements, is accomplished through the active participation of youth.

Confirmed participants, in addition to the sponsors, are the keynote speaker, Carmen E. Turner, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO); Ward 2 Councilmember John Wilson; and Ward 2 D.C. School Board member R. David Hall.

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